

# Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners



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## **MEETING MINUTES**

### **PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE & BOARD MEETING AGENDA**

#### **Meeting Date & Time**

Wednesday, January 8, 2025  
6:00 p.m.

#### **Meeting Location**

Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners  
2651 N. Green Valley Pkwy, Ste. 104  
Henderson, NV 89014

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**Note:** Asterisks (\*) "**For Possible Action**" denotes items on which the Board may take action.

**Note:** Action by the Board on an item may be to approve, deny, amend, or table it.

**1. Call to Order**

**a. Roll Call/Quorum**

Dr. Lee – Present	Dr. West – Present
Dr. Streifel – Present	Dr. Hock – Present
Dr. Branco – Present	Dr. Kim – Present
Dr. Landron – Present	Ms. McIntyre – Present
Ms. Arias – Present	Ms. Petrilla – Present
Mr. Pontoni – Absent	

**2. Public Comment (Live public comment by teleconference and pre-submitted**

**email/written form**): The public comment period is limited to matters specifically noticed on the agenda. No action may be taken upon the matter raised during the public comment unless the matter itself has been specifically included on the agenda as an action item. Comments by the public may be limited to three (3) minutes as a reasonable time, place and manner restriction, but may not be limited to based upon viewpoint. The Chairperson may allow additional time at his/her discretion.

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There was no public comment at this time.

**3. Election of Officers – NRS 631.160 (For Possible Action)**

**a. President**

Dr. Kim nominated Dr. Lee for President. Ms. McIntyre nominated Dr. West for President. Dr. Lee removed his name for consideration and seconded the motion of Ms. McIntyre to nominate Dr. West for President. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**b. Secretary-Treasurer**

Dr. Lee nominated Dr. Streifel for the position of Secretary-Treasurer. Ms. McIntyre seconded the motion and all were in favor. The motion passed.

**4. President’s Report: (For Possible Action)**

**a. Request to Remove Agenda Item(s) (For Possible Action)**

Dr. West removed agenda item 6(d)(ii) from the agenda.

**b. Approve Agenda (For Possible Action)**

Dr. West approved the agenda with the above-noted change.

**5. Secretary-Treasurer’s Report: (For Possible Action)**

**a. Approval/Rejection of Minutes – NRS 631.190 (For Possible Action)**

- i. Board Meeting Minutes - December 13, 2024**

Ms. Arias motioned to approve the minutes from the December 13<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. Dr. Kim seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**6. General Counsel's Report: (For Possible Action)**

**a. Legal Actions/Litigation Update (For Informational Purposes Only)**

**b. Regulatory Update (For Informational Purposes Only)**

The Legislative Commission had concerns about anesthesia regulations, specifically the proposed change from mandatory to permissive re-inspections after five years. The legislators expressed worry that making re-inspections optional would lead to them being neglected. The Board explained the challenges in human resources, as the inspectors are limited in number, and suggested language revisions to allow more flexibility in scheduling inspections. Other ongoing regulatory matters included education and training for expanded-function dental assistants and restorative dental hygiene. Mr. Karris indicated that revisions to the anesthesia regulations would need to be re-submitted to the legislature in the future. Dr. West suggested that instead of removing mandatory inspections, a random inspection system could be implemented after five years to address the backlog with the limited number of inspectors. Mr. Karris mentioned a senator's concern that making inspections permissive could result in neglect, and they would need to find a balance to address both the legislators' concerns and the Board's staffing issues. Dr. West proposed that Board members who are from the northern region could meet with the concerned senator to explain the challenges better. A discussion ensued about the possibility of increasing compensation for evaluators, given the difficulty in recruiting inspectors for anesthesia inspections. Mr. Karris noted the Board is self-funded and that raising the fees collected could help increase pay for evaluators. Dr. Lee also expressed concerns that anesthesia inspections should be paid by the hour, similar to infection control inspections, rather than per session.

**c. Consideration, Review, and Possible Approval/Rejection of Stipulation Agreement – NRS 631.3635; NRS 622A.170; NRS 622.330; NRS 631.190 (For Possible Action)**

**i. Huy Nguyen, DDS**

Dr. Lee made a motion to approve the stipulation for Dr. Nguyen. Ms. McIntyre seconded the motion and all were in favor. The motion passed.

**d. Review Panel – NRS 631.3635 (For Possible Action)**

**i. Discussion and Consideration of Proposed Findings and Recommendations for Matters that have been Recommended for Remand by the Review Panel, and Possible Approval/Rejection of Same by the Board – NRS 631.3635; NRS 631.190**

- 1. Review Panel 1**
- 2. Review Panel 2**
- 3. Review Panel 3**

Ms. McIntyre motioned to approve the remands from the Review Panels as a group. Dr. Kim seconded the motion and all were in favor. The motion passed.

**ii. Discussion and Consideration of Proposed Findings and Recommendations for Matters that have been Recommended by the Attorney General's Office, and Possible Approval/Rejection of Same by the Board – NRS 631.3635; NRS 631.190**

**e. Authorized Investigative Complaints – NRS 631.360; NRS 631.190 (For Possible Action)**

- i. Dr. Z – The Board received information alleging Dr. Z may have breached the standard of care.**

Dr. West made a motion to investigate Dr. Z. Ms. McIntyre seconded the motion and all were in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

- ii. RDH Y – The Board received information that RDH Y may have secured a license by using fraud and/or misrepresentation.

Dr. Streifel motioned to approve the investigation into RDH Y. Ms. McIntyre seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

- iii. RDH X – The Board received information that RDH X may have secured a license by using fraud and/or misrepresentation.

Ms. Arias motioned to approve the investigation into RDH X. Dr. Branco seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

- iv. RDH W – The Board received information that RDH W may have secured a license by using fraud and/or misrepresentation.

Ms. Arias motioned to approve the investigation into RDH W. Dr. Branco seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

- v. RDH V – The Board received information that RDH V may have secured a license by using fraud and/or misrepresentation.

Dr. Streifel motioned to approve the investigation into RDH V. Ms. McIntyre seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

## 7. **New Business:** (For Possible Action)

- a. **Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action Regarding Haynie & Company Financial Audit Report for FY 2024 – NRS 631.190** (For Possible Action)

Mr. Higgenbotham presented the draft financial audit, noting that many audit findings had already been resolved, but some were still in progress. Dr. Lee made a motion to approve the draft audit and authorize the Executive Director to submit the finalized audit to the LCB once received and present it to the Board at the next meeting. Dr. West seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

- b. **Approval/ Rejection of 90-Day Extension of Temporary Anesthesia Permit - NAC 631.2254(2); NRS 631.265; NRS 631.190** (For Possible Action)

- i. Guadalupe Gutierrez, DMD
- ii. May Manswer, DDS
- iii. Robinpreet Pannu, DDS

Dr. West motioned to approve the extension permits. Dr. Branco seconded the motion and the motion passed. Ms. Arias inquired if the delay was due to a shortage of inspectors, and Mr. Karris confirmed that it was related to scheduling difficulties.

- 8. **Public Comment (Live public comment by teleconference):** This public comment period is for any matter that is within the jurisdiction of the public body. No action may be taken upon the matter raised during public comment unless the matter itself has been specifically included on the agenda as an action item. Comments by the public may be limited to three (3) minutes as a reasonable time, place and manner restriction but may not be limited based upon viewpoint. The Chairperson may allow additional time at his/her discretion.

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There were no public comments at this time.

**9. Announcements:**

Dr. West expressed gratitude for being elected President and thanked Dr. Lee for his service. Dr. West also welcomed Dr. Streifel as Secretary-Treasurer. Mr. Higginbotham mentioned that Review Panels will meet at consistent intervals and that the Board should consider developing a bylaws committee. Dr. West discussed the need for committee assignments and asked members to reach out if they wished to change their committee roles.

**10. Adjournment: (For Possible Action)**

Ms. Arias motioned to adjourn, which was seconded by Ms. McIntyre seconding the motion. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned.